How to reset settings in CATIA to default

If your CATIA interface looks wrong, you can restore it by resetting the settings to their defaults. This guide shows you how to reset settings in CATIA, restart the software, choose your preferred user interface style, and check that your workspace is back to normal.

Prerequisites

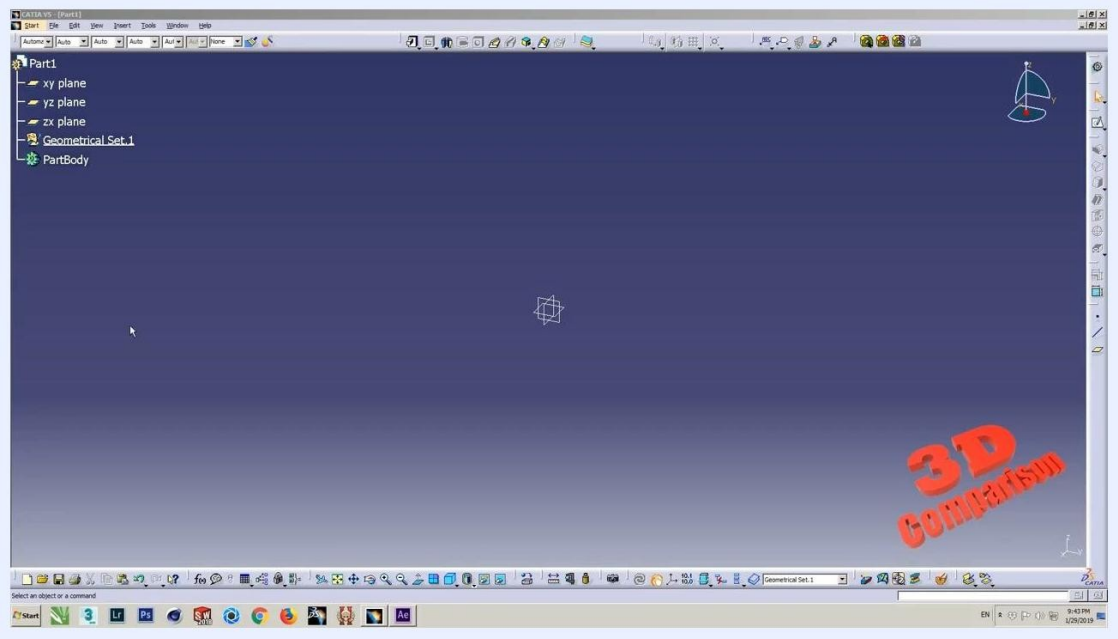
- CATIA is installed and open on your computer.
- You know which scope of settings you want to reset. For a full reset, you will choose **For all the tabpages**.

Step 1: Identify the problem before you reset settings in CATIA

Missing or resized interface elements, such as the tree that shows operations, parts, and assemblies, are common signs that you need a reset. These problems often occur in shared environments, such as student labs, where other users may change the interface.

For example, the tree structure can show xy plane, yz plane, zx plane, Geometrical Set.1, and PartBody. If this tree is missing or resized, it may be hidden or minimized.

You can hide or show the tree by pressing F3 on your keyboard. If you want to select a specific plane, such as xy plane, make sure it is visible and highlighted.

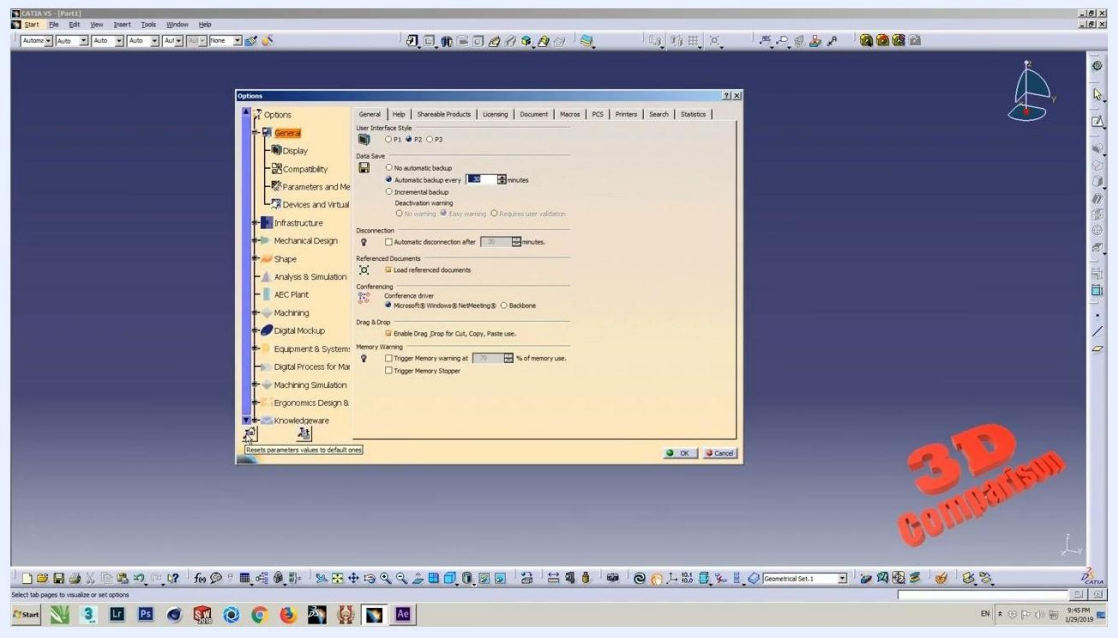


CATIA interface with the tree structure visible, showing Part1, xy plane, yz plane, zx plane, Geometrical Set.1, and PartBody

Step 2: Open the Options dialog

1. In the top menu, click **Tools**.
2. Select **Options** from the dropdown menu.

3. In the left sidebar of the Options dialog, select the **General** category.



The CATIA Options dialog with the General category selected, showing the user interface style and data save options

Step 3: Click the reset button

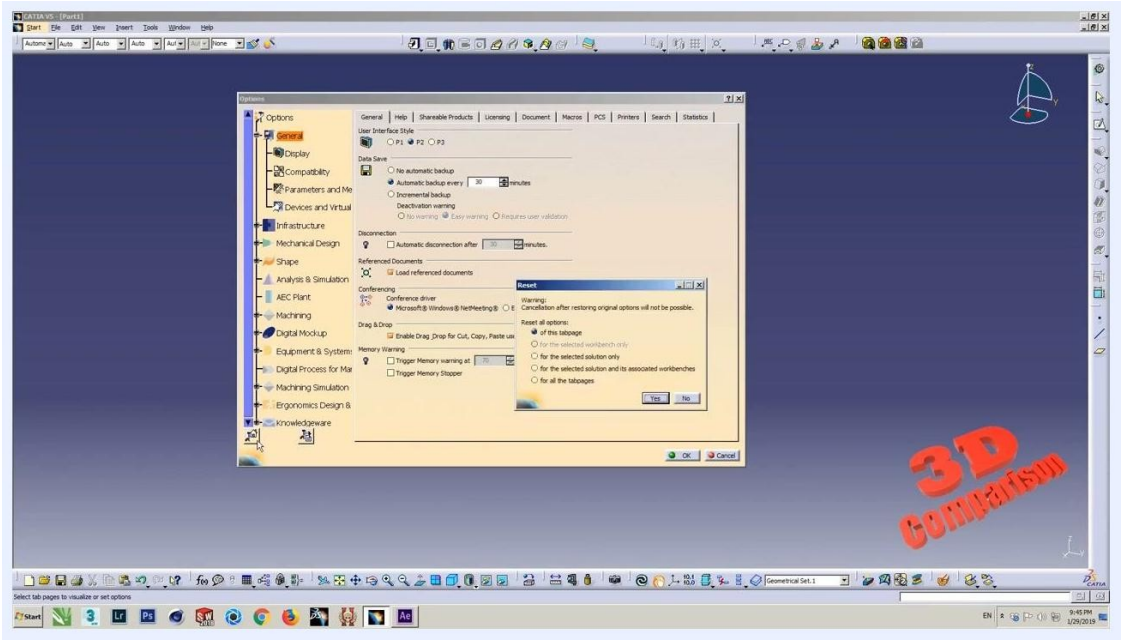
In the bottom left corner of the Options dialog, find the button labeled "Resets parameters values to default ones." Click it to begin the reset process.

Step 4: Choose the reset scope

A **Reset** dialog appears with these options:

- For this tabpage
- For the selected workbench only
- For the selected solution only
- For the selected solution and its associated workbenches
- For all the tabpages

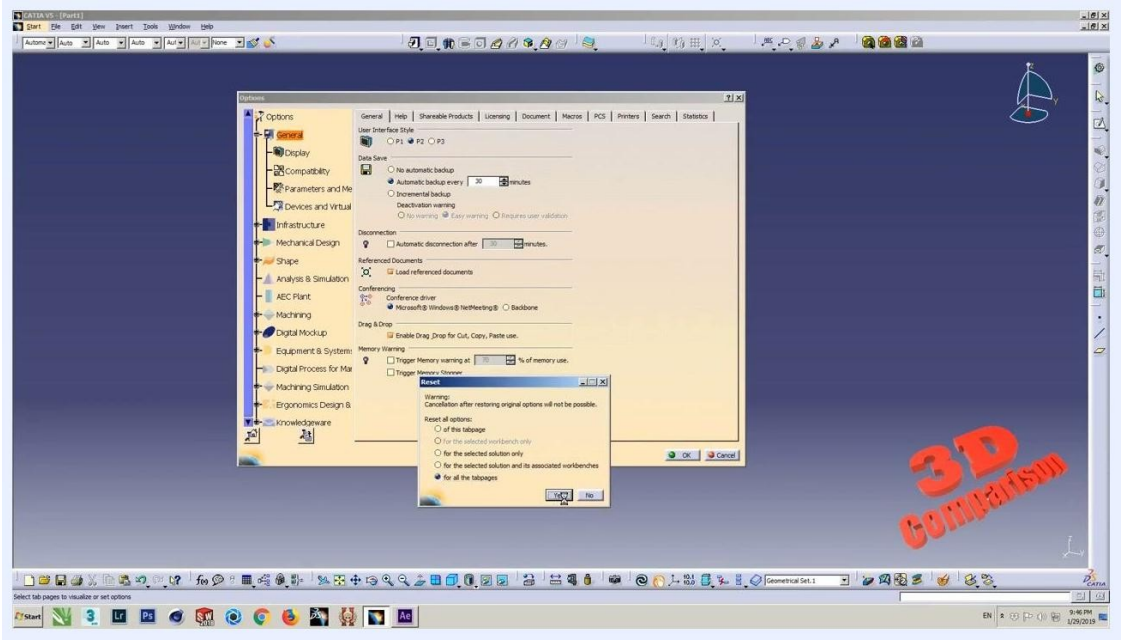
Select the option that fits your needs. For a full reset, choose **For all the tabpages**.



The Reset dialog in CATIA with the reset scope options, an irreversibility warning, and Yes and No buttons

Step 5: Confirm the reset

Click **Yes** to confirm and reset the settings to their defaults.

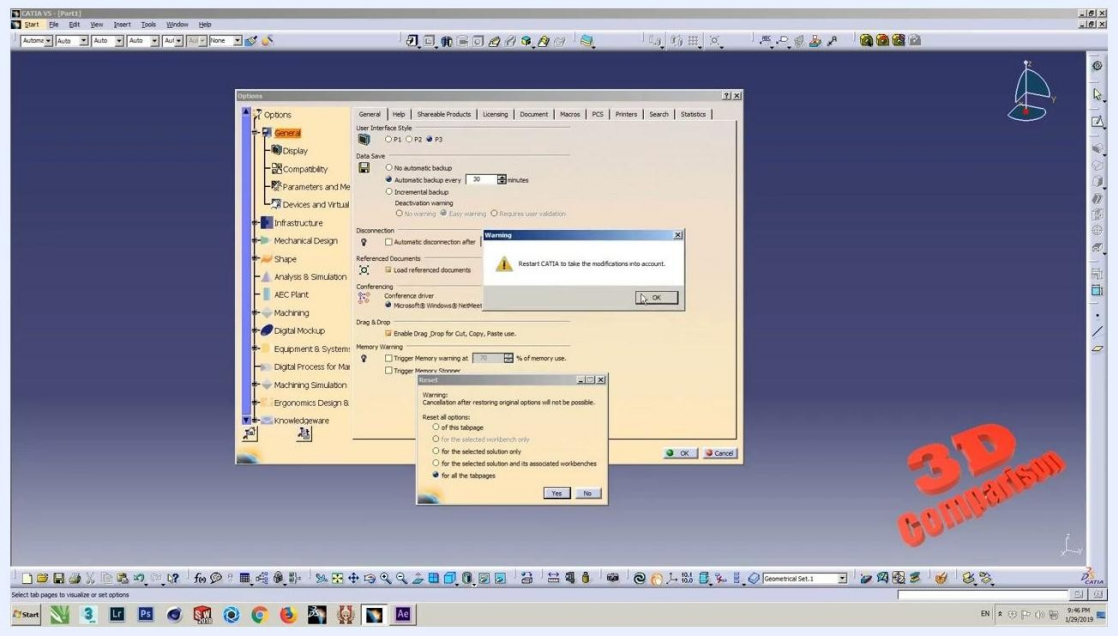


The Reset dialog with the Yes button highlighted to confirm resetting all options

Step 6: Restart CATIA to apply the reset

After you confirm, a warning dialog states: "Restart CATIA to take the modifications into account."

1. Click **OK** in the warning dialog.
2. Close the Options dialog if it is still open.
3. Exit CATIA completely.
4. Restart CATIA so all settings return to their defaults.



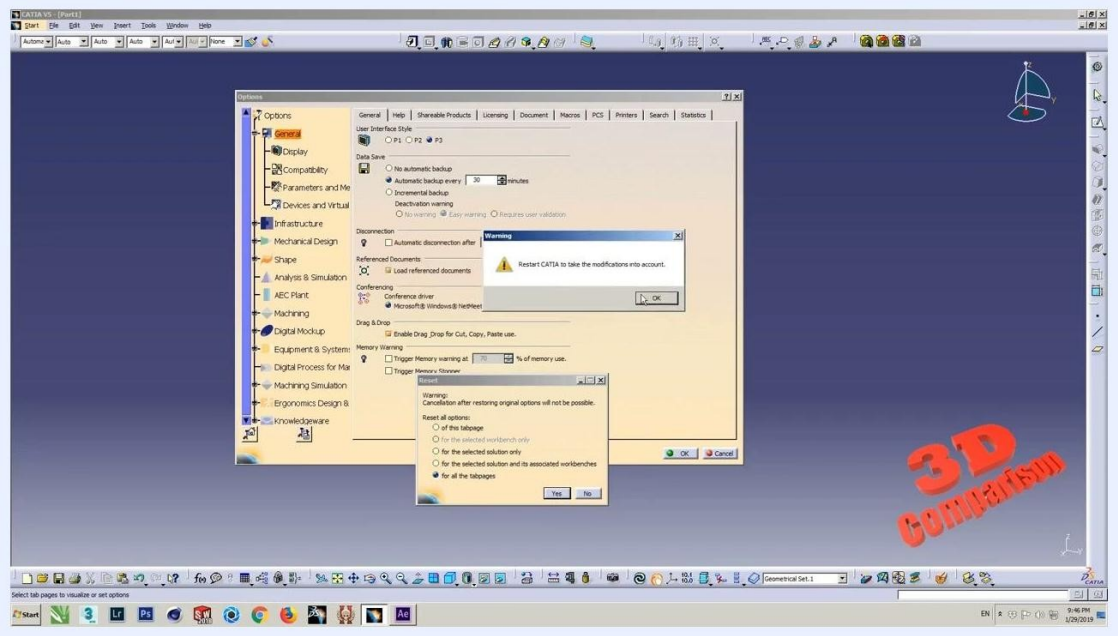
The CATIA Options dialog showing the restart warning, the reset confirmation dialog, and the General tab

Step 7: Check the default user interface

When CATIA restarts, look at which user interface style loads by default:

- Newer versions may default to the P3 (immersive) interface.
- Older versions may default to P1 (classic) or P2 (standard).

If the interface is not the one you prefer, continue to the next step to change it.

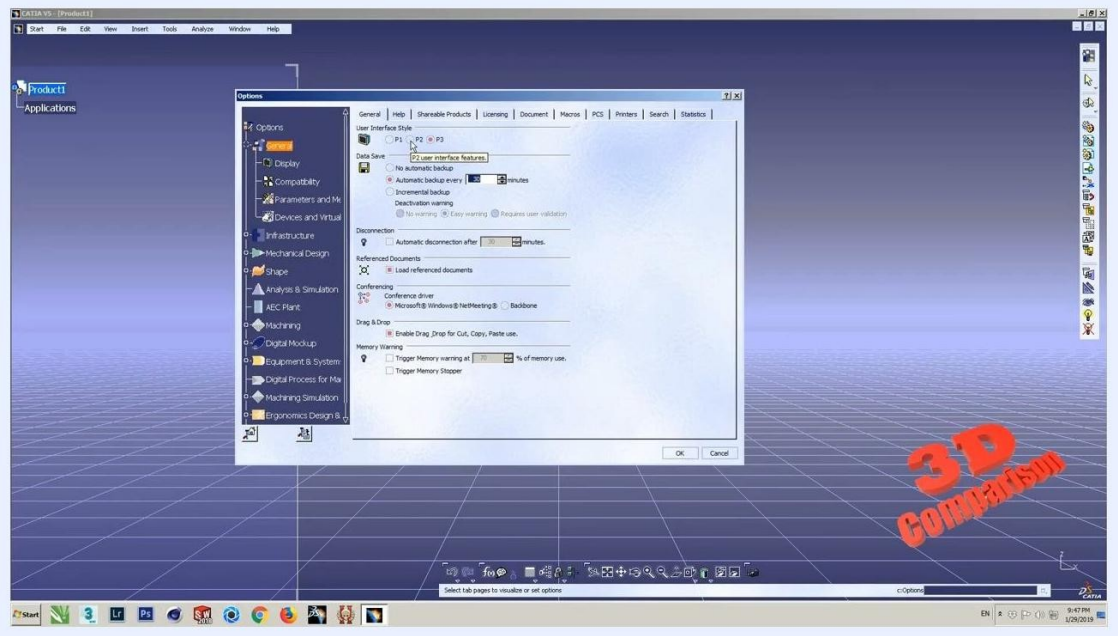


The CATIA main window after the reset, showing the P3 interface with Product1 and the Applications panel

Step 8: Change the user interface style (optional)

1. In the top menu, click **Tools**.
2. Select **Options** from the dropdown menu.
3. In the left sidebar of the Options dialog, select the **General** category.
4. Under "User Interface Style," click the radio button for your preferred style (for example, P2):
    - P1: Classic user interface
    - P2: Standard user interface
    - P3: Immersive user interface
5. Click **OK** to confirm.
6. If prompted, click **OK** again to acknowledge that a restart is required.

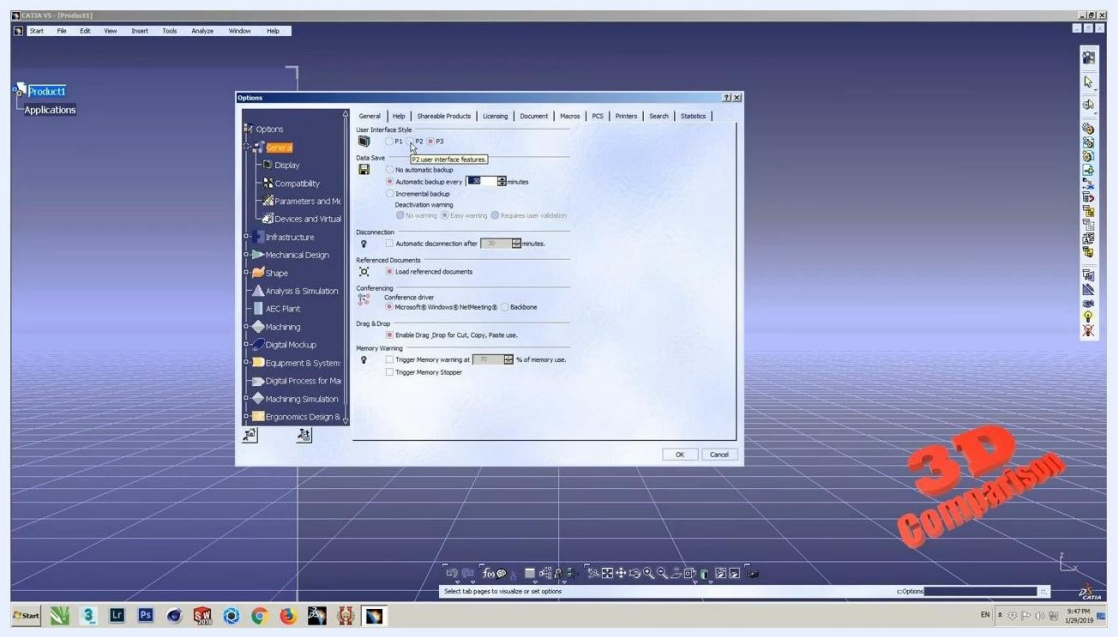
7. Close CATIA and restart it to apply the new interface style.



The CATIA Options dialog after the reset with the P2 user interface style selected, ready to confirm

Step 9: Confirm the interface change

After CATIA restarts, check that it displays the interface style you selected. If a message or overlay says another reset is needed to change the interface, follow the on-screen instructions.

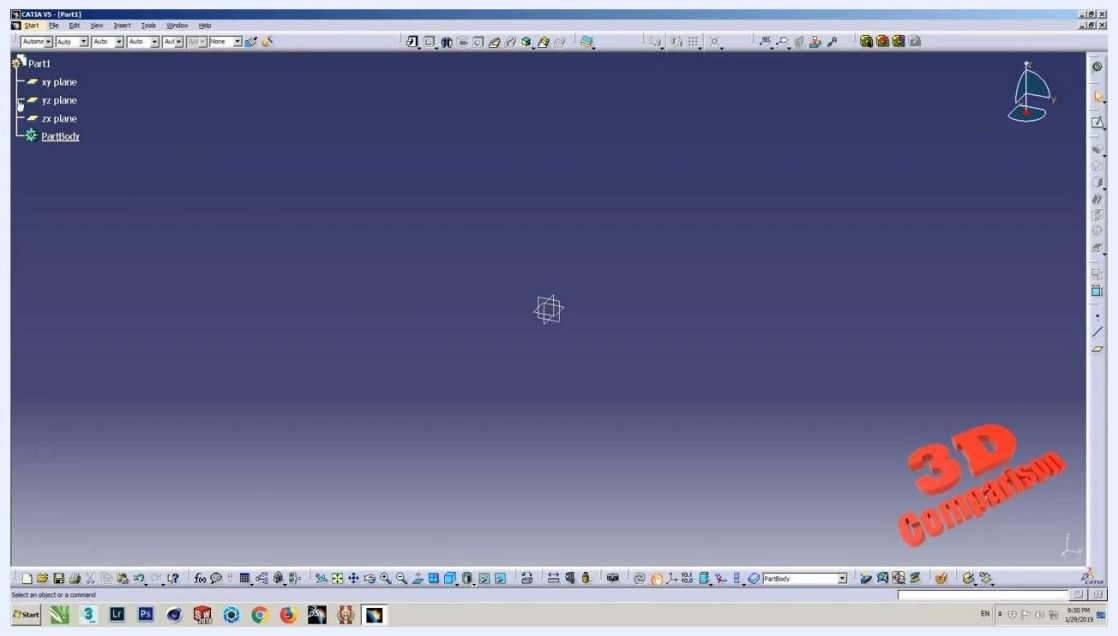


The CATIA main window with the overlay text "Another reset to change the interface to P2"

Step 10: Verify the final reset and workspace

1. Restart CATIA after you reset and select your preferred interface style (for example, P2).
2. Confirm that CATIA opens directly into the Product Structure module.
3. Switch to the Part Design (Mechanical Part Design) module by selecting it from the available modules.
4. Create a new part.
5. Check that the specification tree is visible on the left and shows Part1, xy plane, yz plane, zx plane, and PartBody.

6. Confirm that the workspace is clear and that all default toolbars and navigation aids are present.



The CATIA workspace after the reset, showing the Part1 tree with its planes and PartBody, the default toolbars, and the 3D compass

Troubleshooting: settings are not fully reset

If some interface elements or settings are not back to their defaults:

- Repeat the reset process described in the previous steps.
- Manually adjust any remaining settings by going to **Tools** > **Options**.

A single reset usually resolves most issues.

Summary

You now know how to reset settings in CATIA. Open **Tools** > **Options**, select the **General** category, click the reset button, choose your reset scope, and confirm with **Yes**. Then restart CATIA, choose your preferred interface style (P1, P2, or P3), and check that the specification tree and default toolbars appear in a new part.